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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Authorities Seize \$81 Million in Hash Oil, 460-Pounds of Cannabis

(U) More than \$81 million worth of hash oil, 460-pounds of processed marijuana, 5.5-pounds of psilocybin and a gun were seized by authorities from a property in Warner Springs. Authorities suspect the drugs were destined for unlicensed Southern California marijuana dispensaries. The large seizure was discovered during the execution of a search warrant in which hazardous materials were also discovered. A county hazmat team and DEA personnel were dispatched to seize the hazardous substances. Two people were arrested, as the investigation is still ongoing.

SOURCE: 11 September 2021, [Desert Sun](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Four People Hurt, More than a Dozen in Custody from Panga Spotted Off Coast

(U) San Diego – Four people were hospitalized and more than a dozen others were taken into custody after a panga was spotted by the US Coast Guard off San Diego's coast. Authorities observed the small fishing boat and eventually brought the vessel packed with 21 people to the shore at Mission Bay. The injured suffered back injuries due to the rough seas and were immediately provided medical attention. Authorities took 17 migrants into custody by immigration authorities for questioning.

SOURCE: 11 September 2021, [Fox San Diego](#)

(U) Mexico – More than 100 Migrants Abandoned in Truck Rescued by INM Agents

(U) Nuevo Leon – The National Migration Institute and the Civil Force of the state of Nuevo Leon rescued 103 migrants of Central American origin abandoned in the box of a 3.5 ton truck in the area known as El Mago gap near the Rio Grande. The migrants were from El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras. The driver of the truck, upon noticing the presence of the authorities, abandoned the vehicle. The migrants, which included 14 unaccompanied minors, were removed from the truck and were provided food, water and medical support.

SOURCE: 10 September 2021, [Mexico Daily Post](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – USCP Officers Arrest California Man with Bayonet and Machete

(U) Washington – The United States Capitol Police (USCP) arrested a California man this morning who had multiple knives in his truck near the Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters. At around midnight, a Special Operation Division Officer was on patrol when he noticed a Dodge Dakota pickup truck, with a swastika and other white supremacist symbols painted on it, outside of the DNC headquarters. The truck did not have a license plate. Instead, a picture of an American flag was placed where the license plate should have been. The officers initiated a traffic stop and noticed a bayonet and machete, which are illegal in Washington, DC, inside the truck. The driver, Donald Craighead, 44, of Oceanside, California was arrested for Possession of Prohibited Weapons. Craighead said he was "on patrol" and began talking about white supremacist ideology and other rhetoric pertaining to white

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supremacy. The USCP Investigations Division is continuing an investigation on the suspect.

SOURCE: 13 September 2021, [USCP Press Release](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US has Flagged 44 Afghan Evacuees as Potential National Security Risks

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security flagged 44 Afghan evacuees as potential national security risks during the past two weeks as the government screened tens-of-thousands for resettlement in the US. Of the more than 60,000 evacuees who have arrived on US soil since mid-August, 44 Afghans are receiving additional screening or have not been cleared to travel and remain overseas at the transit sites. The Biden administration advised that it expects to resettle 95,000 Afghans in the US, asking Congress for \$6.5 billion in emergency funding to support the effort.

SOURCE: 10 September 2021, [Washington Post](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Al-Qa’ida Leader Appears in Video on 20-year Milestone of 9/11

(U) Washington – Al-Qa’ida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri appeared in a video commemorating the 20-year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks despite rumor that he died months earlier. In an hour-long speech al-Zawahiri, who succeeded Osama bin Laden following his death in 2011, praised al-Qa’ida attacks, including one that targeted Russian troops in Syria in January. The speech noted the US military’s withdrawal from Afghanistan after 20 years of war, first confirmed in February 2020, but made no mention of the Taliban’s takeover of Afghanistan and the capital Kabul last month.

SOURCE: 12 September 2021, [Fox News](#)

(U) Virginia – National Guard Confirms Cyberattack Hit Virginia Defense Force Email Accounts

(U) Richmond – Email accounts connected to the Virginia Defense Force and the Virginia Department of Military Affairs were impacted by a cyberattack in July. The organization was notified about a possible cyber threat against the Virginia Defense Force and began an investigation immediately in coordination with state and federal cybersecurity authorities to determine what was impacted. The investigation determined that no internal IT infrastructure or data servers were breached or had data removed. Officials advised the incident was not a ransomware attack, but did affect email accounts maintained by a contracted third party.

SOURCE: 10 September 2021, [ZD Net](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – White House Advises 21 More Americans Evacuated from Afghanistan

(U) Kabul – The White House advised that 21 American citizens were evacuated from Afghanistan via a chartered flight and overland route, bringing the total Americans evacuated over the past two days to 31. The Biden administration has not offered specific figures on the number of US citizens seeking to leave Afghanistan who are still there, but officials have said that over the past several days that the number was around 100. The White House advised the Taliban has been “cooperative” in facilitating the departure of Americans and US permanent residents from Afghanistan.

SOURCE: 10 September 2021, [The Hill](#)

(U) Nigeria – Nigerian Army Advise High Profile Boko Haram Member Arrested

(U) Lagos – The Nigerian army advised that counterterrorism troops in the North East have arrested a high profile Boko Haram member and raided one of the terror group’s logistics bases used for the production of improvised explosive device materials in Damboa and Gashua. During the operation, the troops also recovered a total of 281 bags of Urea from market warehouses and arrested two notorious Boko Haram distributors.

SOURCE: 10 September 2021, [ABC News](#)

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